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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a unit at the mental health institute
2 in Clarinda for the medical treatment of certain inmates
3 committed to the custody of the department of corrections.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 218.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 ~~The~~ Except as provided in section 904.205, the director
4 of human services shall have the general and full authority
5 given under statute to control, manage, direct, and operate
6 the following institutions under the director's jurisdiction,
7 and may at the director's discretion assign the powers and
8 authorities given the director by statute to any one of the
9 deputy directors, division administrators, or officers or
10 employees of the divisions of the department of human services:

11 Sec. 2. Section 226.1, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2011,
12 is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

13 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (4) A unit at the mental health institute
14 at Clarinda, designated for nonviolent inmates committed to
15 the custody of the director of the department of corrections
16 who are in need of medical treatment, designated as provided
17 in section 904.205.

18 Sec. 3. Section 904.205, Code 2011, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 **904.205 Clarinda correctional facility.**

21 1. The state correctional facility at Clarinda shall be
22 utilized as a secure men's correctional facility primarily for
23 offenders with chemical dependence, mental retardation, or
24 mental illness, or in need of medical treatment.

25 2. a. A unit of the mental health institute at Clarinda
26 under the control of the department of human services shall
27 be designated, pursuant to a chapter 28E agreement, as a unit
28 of the correctional facility at Clarinda for the purpose of
29 providing medical treatment to nonviolent inmates committed to
30 the custody of the director of the department of corrections.

31 b. As used in this section, "medical treatment" means
32 rehabilitative services for a period exceeding twenty-four
33 consecutive hours for individuals who, because of a mental or
34 physical condition, require nursing care and other services in
35 addition to a patient bed.

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EXPLANATION

2 This bill establishes a unit at the mental health institute
3 in Clarinda for the medical treatment of certain inmates
4 committed to the custody of the director of the department of
5 corrections.

6 The bill requires the department of human services, pursuant
7 to a Code chapter 28E agreement, to designate a unit of the
8 Clarinda correctional facility for the purpose of providing
9 medical treatment to nonviolent inmates committed to the
10 custody of the director of the department of corrections.

11 The bill defines "medical treatment" to mean rehabilitative
12 services for a period exceeding 24 consecutive hours for
13 individuals who, because of a mental or physical condition,
14 require nursing care and other services in addition to a
15 patient bed.